

selves today working among the legislators in order to strengthen the anti-Japanese forces.

It now seems probable that the bill will not be reconsidered by the lower house. Whether the senate will vote to defeat it, however, is problematical.

INVITES TAKAHIRA TO MAKE A SPEECH

Representative Graft of Illinois visited the White House this morning to ask the President to use his good offices to get Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, to address the Creve Coeur Club, of Peoria, Ill., on Lincoln's Birthday. The President said he approved the suggestion, realizing the importance of a public utterance by the Japanese ambassador at this time.

Other speakers at the Creve Coeur banquet will be Governor Duffell, of Massachusetts, and Charles E. Macgonigal, former governor general of Cuba.

SAYS THE ISSUE IS NATIONAL ONE

John Temple Graves, the former Atlanta editor, views with misgiving the Japanese situation on the Pacific coast. Mr. Graves called at the White House today and arranged an interview with the President for tomorrow morning.

In the opinion of Mr. Graves, the Japanese in California create a question, which involves the whole American people.

LAFOLLETTE DEFIES HIS AGED COLLEAGUE

In a sensational telegram sent this afternoon to State Senator W. S. Sanborn of Wisconsin, Senator Robert M. La Follette has thrown down the gauntlet to Senator Stephenson, and requested his friends in the State legislature to vote for the resolution calling for an investigation of Mr. Stephenson in connection with the charge of his having violated the senatorial primary laws.

Senator La Follette does not care what Mr. Stephenson may have to tell about the contributions to his personal campaigns, and in his message brand the threat as a move on Stephenson's part to avoid the investigation of himself.

Questions Honesty.

He further brings the honesty of Mr. Stephenson into question by declaring that he does not recognize money invested in his personal campaigns.

Rather than have his followers in the Wisconsin Legislature vote against the resolution and permit Mr. Stephenson's election at the joint assembly, Senator La Follette urges his friends to support the resolution, as he is desirous of having Stephenson state fully and specifically what contributions were made to each of his campaigns. His message follows:

"Hon. A. W. Sanborn, State Senate, Madison, Wisconsin.

Asks Investigation.

"Sensational Madison dispatch published here today says that 'my friends will vote against proposed investigation of Mr. Stephenson' because of 'covert threat that Stephenson proposed to tell how he had spent money' in my behalf in former campaigns.

"Let no threat deter any friends of mine from supporting the resolution to investigate charges of violation of law in connection with the Senatorial primary law. I should be glad to have Mr. Stephenson state fully and specifically exact amount contributed to each of my campaigns, either to me or to anyone authorized to receive such contributions. I do not recognize money invested in Mr. Stephenson's newspaper as contributions to my personal campaigns.

"ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE."

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DAVIS—On Sunday, February 7, 1909, at her residence, 126 E. 12th St., Mrs. S. D. DAVIS, widow of the late John D. Davis. Funeral from her late residence on Wednesday, February 10, at 2 o'clock p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

(Baltimore, Md., papers please copy.)

BRICK—On Monday, February 8, 1909, EILEEN C., beloved wife of the late Edward Brick. Funeral Thursday, February 11, at 9 a. m., from her late residence, the Stanton, 835 C street, northeast. Requiem mass at St. Joseph's Church. Please omit flowers.

SAVAGE—On February 8, 1909, at her residence, 507 D street northwest, SARAH E., beloved wife of James G. Savage. Funeral to take place from her late residence Thursday, 2 p. m., February 11, 1909. Interment Rock Creek Cemetery. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

GRANT—After a painful illness at the residence of her brother at 426 a. m., MISS BETTIE E. GRANT, daughter of the late John N. and Lucy A. Grant, of Warrenton, Va. Funeral services will be held at 635 A street northwest, Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

GORI—On Tuesday, February 9, 1909, ALEXANDER E., beloved son of Elizabeth and the late Thomas S. Gordon and brother of Miss Laura R. Gordon. Funeral from his late residence, 444 K street northwest, Thursday, February 11, at 2 o'clock p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment in Arlington Cemetery. Members R. J. Horton Camp, W. V. please take notice. Feb-21

WAGNER—On Monday, February 8, 1909, at 8:30 p. m., at her residence, 12 Ninth street southeast, Mrs. EMMA WAGNER, beloved wife of William Wagner. Notice of interment later.

WHITE—On Monday, February 8, 1909, at his home in Riverside, Md., at 1:30 a. m., WARREN THICKS, youngest son of Dana and Annie White, in his eighteenth year. Funeral at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Interment private.

ESPEY—On February 7, 1909, at 4:55 a. m., at his residence, 412 Tenth street southeast, FERDINAND, beloved husband of M. Ella Espey. Funeral Wednesday, February 10, at 2 p. m., from his late residence, 412 Tenth street southeast, thence to Trinity M. E. Church, Fifth and C streets southeast. Interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

HARDING—On Saturday, February 6, 1909, at 5:15 p. m., at her residence, 229 Twenty-third street northwest, JUSTIN RUTLER PRINGLE HARDING, beloved wife of the Bishop of Washington.

Burial services at St. Paul's Church, Twenty-third street northwest, Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a. m. Please omit flowers.

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ROOSEVELT INSISTS CALIFORNIA GO SLOW

President Telegraphs to Speaker Stanton Saying Present Japanese Plan Is Working Well, and Government Will Stick to It.

President Roosevelt's long telegram to Speaker Stanton, of the California lower house, on the Japanese situation was the subject of much comment today. The message is regarded as the most compact and forceful statement yet made of the Government's position.

The President's telegram follows:

"I trust there will be no misunderstanding of the Federal Government's attitude. We are jealously endeavoring to guard the interests of California and of the entire West in accordance with the desires of our Western people. By friendly agreement with Japanese were now carrying out a policy which while meeting the interests and desires of the Pacific slope, is yet compatible, not merely with mutual self-respect, but with mutual esteem and admiration between the Americans and Japanese.

"The Japanese government is loyal and in good faith doing its part to carry out this policy, precisely as the American Government is doing. This policy aims at mutual obligation and behavior, in accordance with it the purpose is that the Japanese shall come here exactly as Americans go to Japan, which is in effect that travelers, students, persons engaged in international business, men who sojourn for pleasure or study and the like, shall have the freest access from one country to the other, and shall be sure of the best treatment, but that there shall be no settlement in mass by the people of either country in the other.

Japan Keeps Faith.

"In the last six months under this policy more Japanese have left the country than have come in, and the total number in the United States has diminished by more than 2,000. These figures are absolutely accurate and cannot be impeached. In other words, if the present policy is consistently followed and works as well in the future as it is now working, all difficulties and causes of friction will disappear, while

at the same time each nation will retain its self-respect and the good will of the other.

"If such a bill as this school bill accomplishes literally nothing whatever in the line of the object aimed at and gives just and grave cause for irritation, while in addition the United States Government would be obliged immediately to take action in the Federal courts to test such legislation, as we hold it to be clearly a violation of the treaty.

"On this point I refer you to the numerous decisions of the United States Supreme Court in regard to State laws which violate treaty obligations of the United States. The legislation would accomplish nothing beneficial and would certainly cause some mischief, and might cause very grave mischief. In short, the policy of the Administration is to combine the maximum of efficiency in achieving the real object which the people of the Pacific slope have at heart, with the minimum of friction and trouble, while the misguided men who advocate such a bill as this, which I protest, are following a policy which combines the very minimum of efficiency with the maximum of insult, and which while totally failing to achieve any real result for good, yet might accomplish an infinity of harm.

Plan Now a Success.

"If in the next year or two the action of the Federal Government fails to achieve what it is now achieving, then through the further action of the President and Congress it can be made entirely efficient. I am sure the sound judgment of the people of California will support you, Mr. Speaker, in your effort. Let me repeat that at present we are actually doing the very thing which the people of California wish to be done, and to upset the arrangement under which this is being done cannot do good and may do great harm.

"If in the next year or two the figures of immigration prove that the arrangement has worked so successfully during the last six months is no longer working successfully, then there would be ground for grievance and for the reversal policy. But at present the policy is working well, and until it works badly it would be a grave misfortune to change it, and when changed it can only be changed effectively by the National Government.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

LINCOLN SERVICES HELD BY STUDENTS

Senator Dolliver Tells of Remarkable Career of President.

Lincoln memorial services were held in the chapel of the University at 10 o'clock this morning. About 1,000 students assembled in the chapel, and many distinguished people were present to hear Senator Dolliver's address on Abraham Lincoln. Senator Dolliver will make the same address next week at Springfield, Ill., on Lincoln's birthday.

Senator Dolliver said:

"Within the last fifty years this man, once despised, derided, misunderstood, maligned, has been lifted up into the light of universal history where all men and all generations of men may see him and make out, if possible, the manner of man he was. His life in this world was only a very short one—less than three-score years—only ten of these visible above the dead line of our affairs. Yet, in that ten years were made the things that have shaped the world as it is now working, all difficulties and causes of friction will disappear, while

"He remarked that when our fathers said, 'All men are created equal,' they did not mean that all men are equal in size, equal in wealth or character or color or racial conditions; they said men are equal in certain well-defined things—right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He said he was ready to defend these words with his life.

Dr. Thomas Naft, of Cincinnati, was also present.

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What Congress Did

IN THE HOUSE.

The House convened at noon.

By unanimous consent a number of private bills were passed.

The House and Senate failed to agree on the bill making February 12 a legal holiday and the day will not be so observed.

Debate on the bill providing the several governments on the Panama Canal Zone was begun.

IN THE SENATE.

Senator Kittredge reported from the Canal Committee that the latest estimate of the cost of the lock canal was \$400,000,000. Senator Foraker of Ohio declared he believed every Senator regretted his vote for a lock canal.

Senator Foraker reported the credentials of Senator-elect Burton of Ohio. The annual report of the Washington Gaslight Company was received by the Senate.

Senator Cummins' resolution relating to the cost of collecting ad valorem duties was referred to the Finance Committee and raised.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs has practically completed the naval bill and it will be submitted to the Senate this afternoon or tomorrow.

PIN PRICK CAUSES POISON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—E. Beach Smith, youngest son of Joseph A. Smith, of Thomas street, Bloomfield, N. J., is in a dangerous condition in the Mount Sinai Hospital, where he underwent an operation for blood poisoning. A few days ago, while playing with a companion, the latter accidentally jabbed the point of a pin into the joint of Smith's thumb. Blood poison set in.

THE VITAL RECORDS.

Births.

James O. and Annie S. Thompson, girl.

George W. and Rosalie M. Thecker, girl.

Samuel R. and Addie E. Taylor, boy.

Joseph L. and Mary E. Simmons, boy.

J. Bernard and Catherine C. Nesbitt, boy.

Robert L. and Lella Mose, boy.

Richard D. and Ellen McCarthy, boy and girl.

John T. and Florence M. Myers, boy.

William and Esther Hill, boy.

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William E. and Marie Etchison, girl.

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Isma and Irene A. Bryan, boy.

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The following marriage licenses were issued here today:

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John B. Lippold, 75 years, 600 Florida avenue northwest.

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Agnes Ruppert, 1 day, 1900 Eleventh street northwest.

HELD AS FORGER; MIND ALL BLANK

Frank D. St. Clair Waives Examination, Says He Was Very Ill.

Declaring that his mind was temporarily deranged from illness last fall, when he is charged with having forged a check for \$12.50, Frank D. St. Clair, in the District Police Court today, waived examination and was held in \$500 bonds for the grand jury.

St. Clair was arrested at his home in Roanoke, Va. His friends in Washington were under the impression that he had committed suicide. He came to Washington last September and disappeared in December. A note found in his room, in which the writer said he was "tired of life and was going to end it all," was supposed to have been written by him.

When brought to this city by Detective Weedon, St. Clair professed to have no knowledge of the note or of the check for \$12.50.

"My mind was a perfect blank from November 25 to the second week in December," he said today. "This was the time they tell me the forged check was passed. I do not remember it, nor do I remember writing any note that I would do away with myself."

Dispatches received today from Roanoke confirm St. Clair's statements that he had been seriously ill for some time before he came to Washington.

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PRESENT GAS PRICE

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Company's Report Shows That If Congress Wants People of Washington to Pay Ninety Cents, Nominal Price Must Be Eighty-Five Cents.

Gas costs in Washington, not \$1 per thousand, but \$1.05, according to the annual report of the Washington Gas Light Company, which appears in full elsewhere in this paper.

The legal price is \$1.25, with 25 cents rebate on bills paid before the 10th of the month following that in which the bill accrues. The company's report indicates that between these two prices, the average received for gas is \$1.05. This includes any accounts which may be uncollectible; it being in actual experience next to impossible for the gas company to lose an account, because of the deposit which is required before gas is turned on, and the fact that when bills are not comparatively promptly paid, gas is turned off.

This means that if Congress wants the people of Washington to pay 25 cents for gas, it must reduce the nominal price to 85 cents. A nominal price of 90 cents means that the company would get revenue on the basis of 85 cents, and get it more promptly than any ordinary business is able to make collections.

The company reports that the average cost of gas, not including interest, dividends, and construction accounts, is 60.183 cents per 1,000 feet. Deducting value of by-products, it is 56.633 cents. It will be observed that the big salary list of the company is included in the cost of making gas. This list is reported as \$132,774.02.

It will be recalled in this connection with the census of 1900 found that the expense of salaries in the gas business in Washington was greater than in any State in the Union, while wages paid by the Washington gas industry are among the lowest in the Union.

Aside from these stray bits of light and cheer, nothing much can be extracted by way of information from the report. It is quite as complex and unintelligible, as thoroughly fitted to its obvious purpose of befogging the situation, as it was a year ago. The man who made it might be able to tell what it meant, but he'd have to "send for books and papers" before he could do so.

However, it is gratifying to know that the contributions of 46,694 consumers have kept the company apparently solvent. It paid 10 per cent dividends on stock (\$2,500,000), 6 per cent on a like amount of certificates of indebtedness, \$84.31. The dividends and fixed charges are given as \$446,419.25. Now, this leaves a little matter of \$456,446.06, which would ordinarily be a surplus.

It is, however, accounted for in the report as "net income," after adding to it an item of \$55,829.34, "taken from surplus."

By way of addendum, it may be observed that the company made—says it made—2,228,969 feet of gas, and sold 1,966,976.748 feet. The company reports getting as net receipts from operation, \$2,075,746.67, during the year.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE FINE ARTS COUNCIL

A tentative plan for organization of an American Council of Fine Arts was outlined this morning and submitted to Mr. Roosevelt this afternoon by several architects and artists who gathered in Washington at the call of the President.

The delegation was composed of thirty eminent architects and artists, and was accompanied by James Knox Taylor, Supervising Architect of the Treasury, and the Hon. Charles D. Brownell, Superintendent of Public Buildings